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WHAT IS THE REASON?

"Just like it used to be thirty years ago—no change at all," was the statement made by a man who recently arrived in Columbia for a visit, for the first time in thirty years, in speaking of the Wabash branch line. He had been a student here when the University was in its infancy.

Thus day by day, the statements are made by citizens, business men, traveling men, railroad men, students, and in fact by everybody that has occasion to enter Columbia by the Wabash branch line from Centralia.

Columbia has grown from a country village to an up-to-date city of ten thousand inhabitants; the old muddy country roads have given way to modern paved or macadamized streets; the cross-roads grocery has given way for the modern business establishment, and lastly, in the place of a little college of one building, one of the leading educational institutions of the Mississippi Valley, the University of Missouri stands—in fact, everything has grown and progressed, but the Wabash branch line from Centralia. It is the same old "junk" line, as it is even styled by the employees of the road, that it was a quarter of a century ago.

What can be the reason for this treatment? Even the officers of the road admit that the twenty miles from Centralia is the best paying piece of track on the entire system, both in freight and passenger business.

What reason can the Wabash have for using this piece of track as a dumping ground for all the used up rolling stock on the system, and making it a laughing stock of the entire state?

BOARDING HOUSE LIFE.

The boarding house is important to the college man, since it is his home during four of the best years of his life. Almost all his associates in his college home are chance acquaintances—men who have started at the corner house and stopped, perhaps for four years, at the first house with a vacant room. Even his roommate is sometimes chosen by the landlady. At meals, one finds at the table men from every class and from every department. It is really better for one whose ambitions are in a certain line to spend his leisure hours with one of another profession, as it gives breadth and perspective to his views.

The morning and noon meals seem to be more a duty than a pleasure. There is the element of haste to be noticed. The student must hurry through breakfast to shave or to get a lesson before eight o'clock class. At noon his class has been dismissed at about one minute past one and he must walk rapidly to be on time. He is thinking of his lessons and perhaps gets to the dessert before taking any interest in his surroundings. But at the evening meal he has plenty of time to spare. His last work was Military or Gymnasium so that his mind is clear and his body refreshed. This is the time when jokes, repartee and general good humor are in order.

Usually the next half hour is spent in dancing or at a gathering in one of the rooms. At seven o'clock a hush settles over the house and real study begins. During these evening hours the good student has his mind concentrated on his studies, while the poor student is getting his lessons in a half-hearted way.

Friday and Saturday nights are dedicated to amusement. On Friday nights the student goes to mass meetings in the football season. But in midwinter it is the night given over to making fudge, popping corn or having a feast in the kitchen. Saturday night is spent at the Nickleodeons where foreign views and domestic troubles are shown on the screen. Sunday night the students who are lucky enough to have girls go to call on them, while the others go to church or begin to get their lessons for Monday.

Boarding houses have most of the comforts of home without the necessity of getting up early to start the fire and grind the coffee for breakfast.

THE KATY STATION.

Columbia will welcome the information that the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad has closed a deal for land on which to build a new station here. That the welcome will have a substantial aftermath in increased patronage for that line no one can doubt.

The Commercial Club, which has labored long to this end, is to be congratulated on its success.

The demand made by the Wabash on the virtue of charity in Columbia is apparently in excess of the supply. Columbia is a patient town, and has long endured inconveniences and inadequacies of service which would hardly have been tolerated in a place with one-tenth the population. Even the patience of Columbia may have a limit. When the people unite in a demand for better service, it will be supplied for them.

Columbia has much to be proud of in her paved streets, but how much more they would be enjoyed if they were given a little more care. Dust has accumulated to the depth of several inches in many places. A buggy passing along the street is frequently entirely concealed in the cloud of its own dust. A little sprinkling and an occasional sweeping wouldn't cost much and would be appreciated.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER.

(Reprinted from the first issue of the University Missourian.)

The University Missourian is for the training of students in journalism. It is the laboratory, the clinic, the practice school of the department of journalism of the University of Missouri. The work upon this newspaper—other than mechanical—is to be done by the students, under the direction of the faculty, experienced newspapermen, as part of the regular course in this department. In the pursuance of this purpose it will be necessary for the University Missourian to cover the entire news field, not limiting itself to University news, in order that the training the students receive will be sufficiently broad to be valuable. It will give, of course, all the University news, but in due relation to the general news of the day. With this news there will be editorial interpretation and comment upon public questions.

The University Missourian is not established to conflict with or supplant any publication. Its own purpose is well-defined—that of affording, on advanced educational lines, training for journalism. The laboratory is a necessity for this training. How to do must be taught by doing. Student publications and the local press will not have their fields invaded by intention or design, as such journals serve purposes and occupy fields with which this newspaper is not directly concerned.

The University Missourian will accomplish its purpose well if the men and women trained by work upon its staff are, by such training, better furnished for public service; if they shall go forth into the vocation of journalism better equipped to know and print the news of the day, the unbiased news, attractively, accurately, helpfully; if they shall be better enabled to make comment upon this news fairly, intelligently and with high ideals; if they shall learn that American journalism is, in its highest realization, schoolhouse and forum, teacher and tribune, a foe to wrong doing, an aid to education, a force for moral progress, an exponent of true Americanism.

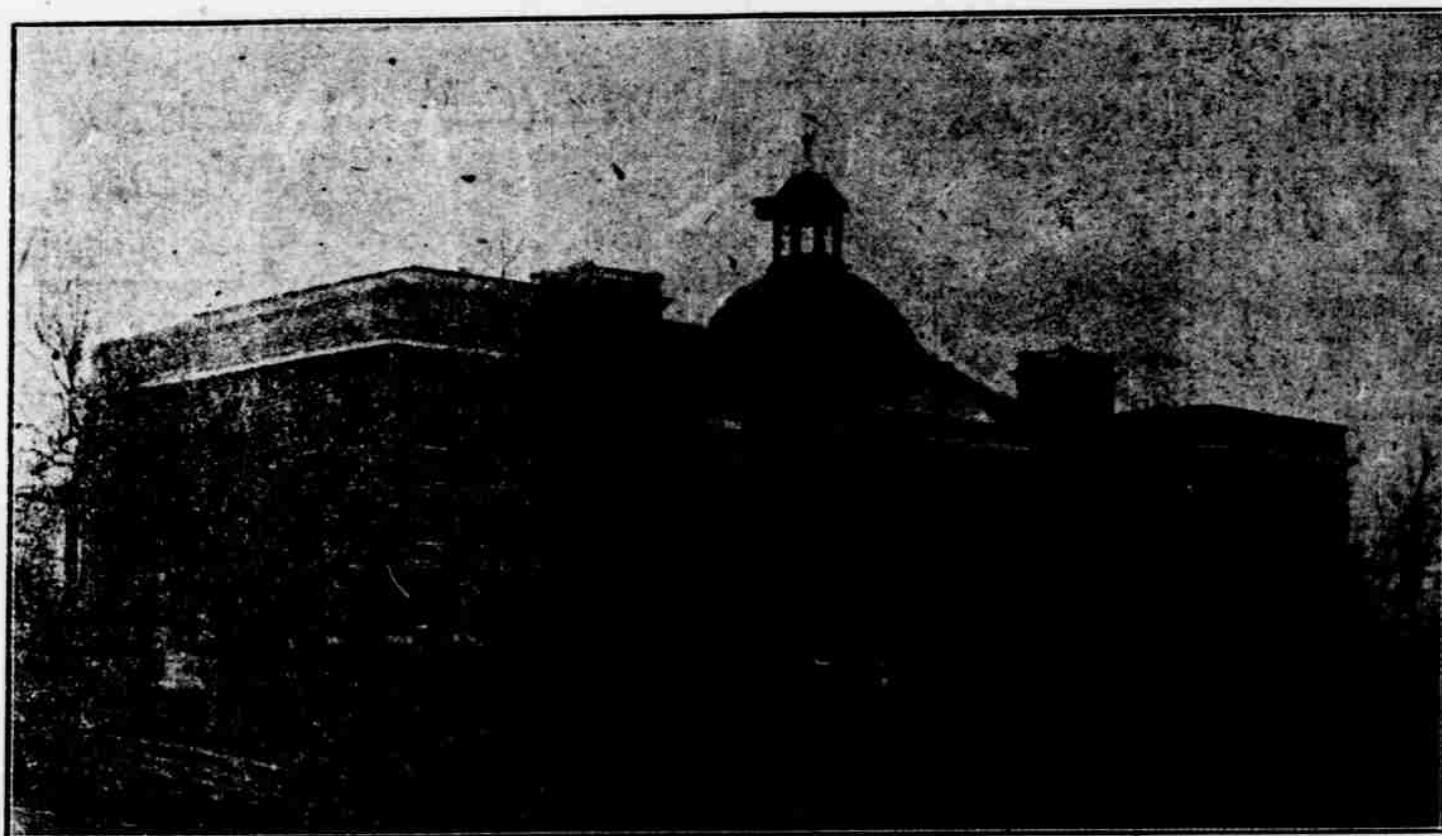
UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

- Oct. 17. Football—Missouri vs. Iowa.
Debate—Union Literary Society, Academic Hall, at 7 p. m.
Debate—Athenian Literary Society, Academic Hall, at 7:30 p. m.
Oct. 24. Football—Missouri vs. Westminster.
Oct. 28. Meeting of Executive Committee, p. m., Academic Hall.
Oct. 30. International Symphony Club, Missouri Auditorium.
Oct. 31. Football—Missouri vs. Ames.
Nov. 14. Football—Missouri vs. Washington.
Nov. 19. Lecture by George Z. T. Sweeney, auditorium.
Dec. 4. Lecture by John T. McCutcheon, auditorium.
Dec. 18. Lecture by Lorado Taft, auditorium.

Oldest University Student.

St. Louis has probably the oldest university student in the United States. He is sixty-five years old and attends university classes daily. He is taking up science and several languages. Moses B. Greensfelder, member of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture and a St. Louisan for thirty-one years, is the student. For two years Mr. Greensfelder has been a familiar figure at Washington University. During that time he has attended classes regularly, studying and reciting with young men. Not content with attending Washington University during the winter, he has for two years attended Chicago University in the summer. He attends the university for enjoyment, and his lessons always are well prepared.

MAIN UNIVERSITY BUILDING AS IT WAS FROM 1887 UNTIL FIRE IN 1892; COLUMNS STILL STAND



THE COLUMNS

(Words and Music by W. H. Pommer)

On thy campus, Fair Missouri,
Stand the columns, which of old
Would have charmed the Grecian maiden
Or the Roman warrior bold.
Sentinels at Learning's portal,
Far removed from Care and Toil,
In perennial beauty shedding
Classic rays o'er Western soil.
When I leave thee, Fair Missouri,
Voice will choke and tears will start—
Pray that Time o'ergrow thy columns
With the ivy of my heart!

Grecian maidens, known to Beauty,
Would have hung their heads in shame
In the presence of the daughters
Who make Fair Missouri's fame.
Roman warriors' knotted sinews
Would have snapped like bits of thread
In vain efforts at repelling
Rushes by Missouri led.
When I leave thee, Fair Missouri,
Voice will choke and tears will start—
Pray that Time o'ergrow thy columns
With the ivy of my heart!

VIEWPOINTS

(The University Missourian invites contributions, not to exceed 200 words, on matters of University interest. The name of the writer should accompany such letters, but will not be printed unless desired. The University Missourian does not express approval or disapproval of these communications by printing them.)

Agricultural Students Win.

To the Editor of the University Missourian:
At the Missouri State Fair last week there were offered fifteen prizes for the best judges of horses, cattle, sheep and swine. This contest was open to all farmer's sons under twenty-five years of age in Missouri and to Agricultural College students who might wish to compete with the Farmers' sons.

There were forty-one persons entered in this contest of which about twenty are at present students in the Department of Animal Husbandry of the University of Missouri; ten others were formerly short course students in the same department and ten were farmers' sons of more or less ability and experience in handling and judging live stock. Fourteen out of fifteen prizes were won by young men who are at present students in the College of Agriculture of the University and one third prize only was won by a farmer short course student. The results of this contest indicate clearly the value of a systematic training in such practical subjects as are included in the Agricultural course.

Many of the farmers' sons enrolled in this contest did excellent work but were not able in a fair and square test of this kind to compete with the College boys.

F. B. MUMFORD,
Professor of Animal Husbandry.

The Invaluable Columns.

To the Editor of the University Missourian:
What would we do without the columns? Have you ever stopped to think how many and how varied are the uses to which these pillars of stone are put? The first Freshman theme is invariably a description of "the six weather worn columns which form the center piece of the campus," and the first kodak picture has for its subject the same "center piece." The souvenir postals we send home and to next year's prospective Freshman are pictures of six towering columns, of which the Academic Hall is a mere background. Souvenir booklets, programs, score cards—what would they be without the columns for a frontispiece? And these lovely moonlight nights, where would strolling couples pause for a few moments to "sit and ponder, sit and wonder, sit and think" if it wasn't for the shade which the columns cast over the mounds? How many tears might have been spared when the building burned if the weepers could have known how priceless was the monument which remained? How glad the most of us are that we have the columns instead of the building.

L. F. R.

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BRITISH JOURNALISTS INDORSE U. OF M. IDEA

Dr. Sadler of Victoria University Shows Need of Demonstration School to Teach Newspaper Work.

The British Institute of Journalists, at its annual conference in Birmingham, England, considered at length the education of journalists. In the memoranda for the special sitting was printed the announcement of courses in journalism issued by the University of Missouri.

The discussion was by leading journalists of Great Britain and by representatives from Victoria University, Manchester, Glasgow University, Leeds University, London University and the University of Cambridge. A letter was read from Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, expressing his regret at being unable to be present at this sitting of the Institute conference and his interest in the action of the Institute and in the outcome of its conference.

Journalists and Teachers.

In the course of the discussion Dr. Michael E. Sadler, joint professor of the theory of education of Victoria University, read a paper upon "The Professional Education of Journalists." Among other things Dr. Sadler discussed the analogy between the professional training of teachers and that of journalists. He argued that "the best training is given amid the varied resources of a well-equipped University. In this case practice in practicing schools is indispensable and a demonstration school is as necessary to the scientific work in the University training department as is a laboratory to a department of science." He considered that the intending

journalist should be furnished with the opportunity of studying for his degree a good deal of literature, English, French and German, and of history, European, American and Oriental, as well as British and Irish, some science, some psychology, the elements of law, and a good deal of practical economics, with special reference to methods of dealing with social problems.

The Institute decided that for full qualifications for the professional membership and credential of the Institute there should be added some practical test of aptitude and some opportunity of acquaintance with the professional technique of journalism, more or less distantly corresponding with that which the medical student obtains by witnessing and taking part in the practice of the hospitals—by what is known as "walking the hospitals;" and that attaining the complete professional diploma might be accomplished by such provisional service upon newspaper staffs, or otherwise in the assistance of professional journalists of standing.

It was reported that Trinity College, Dublin, had established courses in journalism through a gift from Cecil Harmsworth, a member of the Institute and former student at Trinity College; that Sir Oliver Lodge, principal of the Birmingham University, had approved a provisional scheme for courses there, and that the ancient University of Cambridge was considering the establishment of such courses.

TOLD ACROSS THE BREAKFAST TABLE

"Well," began the solicitor for the Oven, reaching for another piece of toast, "I was disappointed with Saturday's game—sorely disappointed."

"I expected a bigger score myself, but then Rolla has a good team" answered the redheaded "soph" with the wart on his nose.

"Bet your life they have" enthusiastically declared the junior Medic. "I'm glad of it, too. The Miners deserve to have a good bunch. They've been bucking all kinds of hard luck in athletics."

"That's the spirit. That's what I mean," the solicitor for the Oven continued. "I wasn't referring to the score at all. It wouldn't have made a bit of difference to me if the Tigers hadn't scored at all. It's the spirit displayed by the spectators I'm referring to. Did they act as though Rolla was a sister school to Missouri? Well you fellows were out there. You heard what the bleachers were yelling."

"Twasn't all from the bleachers either" the Freshman ventured.

"Hardly," smiled the Junior Medic. "I'll admit things were a little rough off and on the field, but that was due to

the heat of the conflict, forgotten in a moment when the game was over."

"Does that make it any the less unpleasant," the Oven's representative continued. "Say what you like, I don't see any excuse for such conduct."

"Well why didn't you stay away from the game? Did you expect to see a game of tag or an old ladies' tea party?" the "Soph" demanded warmly.

"No I didn't. I expected to see a big class game. The all-class team of the University of Missouri school of mines against the all-class team of the University proper. I didn't see why the spectators and players didn't show that spirit. They acted as though the Miners were—"

"Were Iowa" the Art Student finished. "Let's hope they fight the Hawkeyes twice as hard."

A dozen glasses were raised in an instant, and to that hope a dozen mouths drank—to water.

Endows College of Journalism.

Cecil Harmsworth, graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, now a London journalist, has endowed courses in journalism at Trinity College, to begin next year.

THANKS!

"The University Missourian is being received daily and is being read with interest by the pupils of our high school," writes W. M. Wells, principal of the Unionville High School.

"We are in receipt of a copy of the University Missourian," writes F. W. Miller, superintendent of the Hot Springs schools, "and will be pleased to place it on file in our library."

Prof. Robert E. Downing, superintendent of the Troy public schools, writes: "Please accept our thanks for the University Missourian. We receive it regularly and enjoy it very much."

"I wish to thank you most sincerely for the University Missourian," writes Col. Sanford Sellers, of the Wentworth Military Academy. "We will place it on file in our reading room and the pupils will no doubt enjoy it very much."

"We appreciate very much the University Missourian," writes C. B. Hudson, superintendent of the California public schools. "It will be kept on file where the pupils can read it every day. I think it a very neat and well-edited paper."

SOCIETY

THE Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority will celebrate the thirty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity by giving a banquet at the Gordon Hotel Saturday evening, after the football game and before the informal dance at the Delta Tau Delta House. Miss Adele Fleming will be toastmistress. There will be several visiting Kappas from various towns of the State. Covers will be laid for forty young women.

Half Million for University.

Governor-Elect G. W. Donoughy, of Arkansas, President John Tillman, of the State University of Arkansas, and Geo. B. Cook, state superintendent of education, accompanied by Dr. Wallace Buttrick, secretary of the general education board of New York, have been visiting various colleges and universities gaining information with a view to recommending an appropriation of \$500,000 for the extension and improvement of the State University of Arkansas.

Linotype For Department.

Philip T. Dodge, president of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, New York City, has loaned to the Department of Journalism of the University of Missouri a No. 2 Model Standard linotype for instruction and demonstration purposes. The linotype will be installed within the next month.

The UNIVERSITY MISSOURIAN is on sale at the Drug Shop at two cents a copy.